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# Mysterious lights seen in the night

**AN Audenshaw couple are hoping 'the truth is out there' after they saw two globes of brilliant white light gliding through the skies.**

Steven and Annie Clarke, of Kingfisher Avenue, both watched in awe as what they believe to be a UFO moved over their home.

Steven, 42, an independent record producer, was on the phone to a friend on an upstairs extension when the bright lights caught his eye last Monday.

He put the phone down and shouted to his 37-year-old wife Annie, who works for an insurance firm, to look at the strange lights travelling to Audenshaw from the direction of Manchester.

by DIANA McCARTHY

They went out into their back garden and watched the lights for more than five minutes.

"There were two balls of solid bright white lights that were moving very slowly, the light on the left moved over on top of the other.

"They both had three little bright lights on the rear that were flashing perfectly in time. They were several hundred feet in the air."

Steven said: "We live on the flight path and have seen plenty of aircraft go over our home.

"If the lights belonged to planes or helicopters they would surely have crashed because they were so close together. I've never seen anything like that before.

"The lights didn't make any noise until they were overhead and only then did they make a slight humming noise a bit like an electric shaver. They moved

very slowly and we were watching for more than five minutes."

The couple watched the lights move in the direction of Ashton Moss and head towards Bradford.

As soon as the lights were out of sight Steven rang a friend in Bradford and told him to keep an eye out on the skies that night but didn't describe what he had seen.

Later that night his friend Mark McGlinchey rang and described exactly what the Clarke's had seen.

Paul Quest, a member of the Manchester Anomalous Phenomena Investigation Team, said a number of UFO reports have been received from the Blackley area.

"Some serious investigation work will have to be done on the case due to the number of similar sightings."

Anyone with similar spotting can contact Paul Quest on 01426 330924.

'Tell us the truth about UFOs'

TWO UFO buffs are to lobby Prime Minister Tony Blair at Downing Street demanding a Government inquiry into hundreds of sightings over a small Scots town.

UFO investigator Malcolm Robinson and Councillor Billy Buchanan will travel to London early next month calling for an inquiry into the strange objects seen in the skies above Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire.

And assisted by a band, the controversial Bonnybridge councillor will also play a special rendition of his single about UFOs entitled *The Lights Of Bonnybridge*, live at the gates of the Prime Minister's residence.

The moves come after hundreds of alleged sightings and abductions were reported in the area, which has been dubbed Scotland's UFO capital.

## Cover-up

They claim there has been an elaborate Government cover up over sightings in the central belt.

And they are now demanding the Government admit the area is under siege from alien activity and launch an inquiry.

Today from his home in Alloa, Mr Robinson said he hoped the protest would provoke a response from the Government.

Mr Robinson, chairman of paranormal group Strange Phenomena Investigations, said: "It's about time the official people admitted there is a UFO problem in Stirlingshire. Sightings began in early 1992 and by December the same year there had been over 200 reports of UFOs.

Mr Robinson insists governments have been involved in cover-up operations and he demanded the truth be told.

He said: "It is hard to say whether or not the Prime Minister is in on the secret but there are people who know all the answers."

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## UFO hiccup!

SIR, Regarding your article (*Pioneer*, January 28) on the UFO sighting over Ellesmere Port.

How could these people make such a mistake when it was so obviously an airship?

It was flying low enough for anyone to read the writing along the side, which identified it as the Goodyear airship.

Some of the people who you spoke to, who said they had to get out of their car only to see the UFO fly off at great speed, should have an eye test - and should they really be driving at all?

COLIN SIMPSON  
Richmond Court,  
Stanney Grange

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## X-File lesson UFO-K by us

PRIMARY School pupils are set to be given lessons on alien abductions and life on other planets.

UFO expert Malcolm Robinson will speak at St John's Primary in Alloa if head teacher Ian McNicol rules the real-life X-Files material is not too frightening.

Malcolm, who heads Strange Phenomena Investigations, said: "I just want to make kids more open about sightings."

*Sky-watchers spot UFO*

# Mystery of 'flying saucer'

A UFO has been spotted in the skies above Great Munden.

The saucer-shaped craft — which was said to have white, red, orange and blue flashing lights — was seen landing behind trees in the village by two sky-watchers.

They have reported their close encounter in this month's issue of *Down To Earth*, a magazine for the Essex and London UFO Network (ELUFON).

"We had been there for a little while when we both saw a bright light some distance away," the couple recalled. "It was very bright and resembled a searchlight on a helicopter."

The two looked away briefly, thinking the craft was a helicopter, but, looking back, they saw it had

five lights in a row, flashing from left to right.

"As we watched, it dropped suddenly a few hundred feet, still travelling to the left. Then it rose slightly and dropped again so that it was now only just above a line of trees on the horizon."

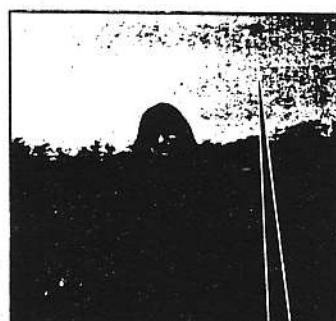
Both said they had an "eerie feeling" in the pit of their stomachs before the sighting, which happened at midnight on September 16.

The magazine, which is compiled in Cheshunt, does not reveal the identity of the UFO spotters. It aims to "unravel the UFO phenomena and associated mysteries, and to procure contact with extra-terrestrial races".

A Herts police spokeswoman said no strange sightings had been reported in the Great Munden area.



• UFO: Diagram of the craft sighted above Great Munden



**UFO beats the boffins**

LAJOS Koszta was strolling with his girlfriend in a garden in Erpatak, Hungary when they were accompanied by a mysterious disc-shaped object which still baffles experts.

Lajos took a snapshot of his girlfriend and, to his amazement, when the prints were processed, saw a clear image of a UFO hovering above his girlfriend's left shoulder. UFO researchers who

had the print examined by experts using computers were told that the image was not a fake.

Philip Mantle of the British UFO Research Association believes this picture, published here for the first time, is one of the most convincing ever taken.

# 'Doomsday gurus have abducted our aliens'

by Andrew Higgins  
Taipei

THESE are trying times for the Chinese Flying Saucer Research Association, proud guardians of a faith in extraterrestrials dating back to China's first recorded UFO sighting, nearly 4,000 years ago.

The alien-watching fraternity is awash with impostors, according to the association's chairman, Ho Hsien-jung.

Taiwan has long been home to a host of bizarre Buddhist and Taoist sects, but now it

has spawned a legion of oddball cults promising trips to nirvana in alien craft — and swindling thousands of clients of their savings.

The Justice Minister, Liao Cheng-hao, explained: "Our economy has grown very fast. People have money but have not developed mentally at the same speed. They feel empty and grab hold of religion. It is very easy for fake creeds to steal their money."

President Lee Teng-hui, a devout Christian, has called for a campaign of 'spiritual modernisation' to immunise the country against gurus and mystics offering salvation for cash.

Ho appears regularly on television and radio to explain that aliens belong to science, not religion. He goes on field trips to examine — and discredit — claims of sightings by cult gurus: a fleet of alien craft near the town of Nantou turned out to be the lights of an airport.

Scattered around his flat are grey plastic and aluminium models of the spaceships he believes have appeared over China since at least 1914 BC, when ancient scribes recorded the appearance of 10 flying suns'. The Chinese word for UFO today is *yu-fu*, or 'mysterious floatings'. The association has catalogued more than a thousand such 'floatings' in Chinese history.

Ho insists that these apparitions are a world away from the pseudo-religious imaginings of charlatans.

Wu Tai-chung is guru of the Earth and Sky Enlightenment Society, the latest of a long line of quirky sects to muscle in on the growing fascination, in Taiwan and on the Chinese mainland, with aliens and X-File fantasies. Wu promises passage in a 'light energy machine' to a 'heaven beyond heaven'.

The cornerstone of his cult is not a sacred text, but a series of blurred colour photographs taken in the Heaven Mountains of Xinjiang, the westernmost region of China, which purport to show a convoy of 'light energy machines'. Police and former cult members say they are an example of bad photography and glare on the camera lens from the sun.

Meanwhile, the God Saver the Earth Flying Saucer Foundation, has decamped to Dallas, Texas, to await what its

leader, a Taiwanese university medical professor, says will be a 'meeting with God' on 31 March — and a trip to Mars to escape an end-of-the-millennium Doomsday on Earth.

"This is a very grave problem for the whole of our society," says Chen Shui-pian, mayor of Taipei. "It is not simply a question of religion, nor is it a serious social problem. Many people have no faith themselves and no faith in ordinary channels. They feel bored and empty."

The cults may seem a hotch-potch of folk religion and science fiction, but they all focus rigorously on what appears to be their principal mission: the accumulation of cash. Wu's extra-terrestrial travel agency has left a trail of disillusioned, often bankrupt, clients. "He stripped us



clean. We have nothing left,' said Tal Chiu-fen, a mother of seven who joined the cult with her ailing husband three years ago and handed over their entire savings. He said that if we wanted to travel this road to another world, we would have to leave behind our earthly baggage.'

They also put their four daughters in the care of Wu and his lieutenants at the cult's country retreat. "He promised to give the children a good environment free of pressure. He said they did not need to read so many books."

The couple then joined Wu on recruiting trips to mainland China, a fertile area of expansion for Taiwanese mystics. Although she and her husband had suspicions for some time that the 'light energy machine' might never arrive, they have only just made the final break.

The tenacious grip of such cults on the minds of their followers bewilders Ho. "If a religion uses UFOs, this religion obviously has problems." He says their light-streaked photographs are fakes. "Everyone knows a real UFO has form and substance. But you can't even see their so-called flying saucers. They are just light."

Despite years of scouring the skies, Ho admits he has never personally seen a flying saucer. "UFOs rarely come to Taiwan, so it is difficult to have solid evidence. Taiwan is very small. It is hard to see this island from outer space. They fly over but rarely land."

## A UFO FLYER FOR THE BILL

TWO traffic cops in Weymouth, Dorset, called for help after spotting a UFO.

But they were fooled — what they saw was the planet Venus.

# Gloucestershire Echo

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### Airship looked like UFO

Madam - I write with reference to the letter claiming the sighting of a UFO (Echo, February 3). I am not doubting the words of the person who described what she saw, as my family and I recently watched what we thought to be a UFO.

It was about 7.30pm and a clear night. It was hovering between Cheltenham and Tewkesbury for about half-an-hour and it turned out to be the small airship that has been around of late.

It was a very impressive sight, with the cabin lights on and different coloured lights on from nose to tail. It did look like a UFO.

R Pope,  
Tewkesbury.

JUST after Christmas 1980, the peace of a dark winter night was shattered by something plunging from the skies. Falling to the ground as a silent blaze of light into the midst of rural Suffolk's Rendlesham Forest, it sent nearby US airbases into a frenzy of activity. Human eyes and protective radars peered outwards, seeking to determine if the intruder was friend or foe. But secrecy was deemed more important than safety that fateful

night. A UFO had crashed in East Anglia, near top security bases - and many lives could never be the same again. After subterfuge, misinformation and cover-up, can what actually took place now really be proved? Can the UFO be explained? Why did the US and UK powers go to such lengths to say nothing about it?

#### Comprehensive

In this comprehensive new account of what is claimed to be Britain's closest-ever encounter, the UK's top UFO investigator, Jenny Randles, gives her reappraisal of an event that has dominated around 18 years

of her own specialist research. She looks at the evidence of more than 20 eye-witnesses to the mysterious and frightening event in Rendlesham Forest, and tackles the startling and stunning evidence provided by the 'live' tapes which recorded the incident. She also examines every aspect of the occurrence, before, during and long after the event.

Throughout, she tries to identify

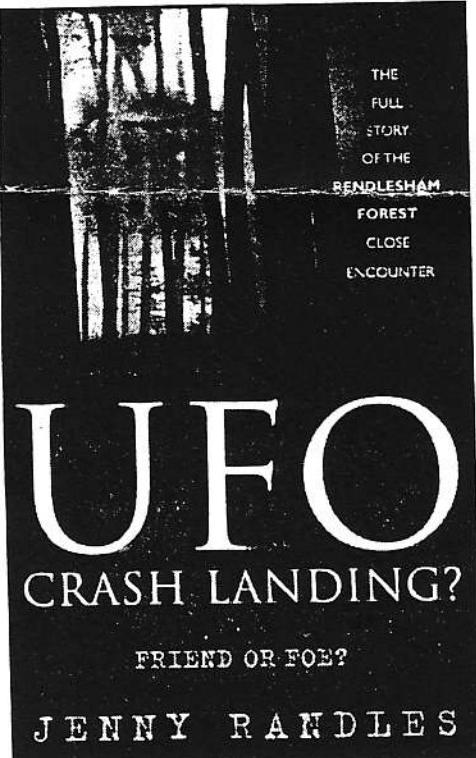
the false trails and red herrings, separating them from authentic information, in order to establish once

and for all what really took place that night.

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# It's a mystery

UFO expert Robin Cole says some of the recent reports of strange sightings over Cheltenham cannot be put down to an airship.

He received about 25 calls last week, describing strange objects in the sky. He said most of them could be put down to the Goodyear airship that was in the area at the time but a few could not.

Most of the reports were of a round, domed object with rows of lights.

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### UFO group's city appeal

ANYONE who has seen anything strange in the sky recently is being called on to come forward.

The Lincoln UFO Association wants to hear from anyone who saw lights in the sky over the city on Monday February 2.

They are carrying out an investigation after the sighting of a saucer-shaped object.

It was seen above the Geneva Avenue area, in St Giles.

If anyone saw anything they are asked to call (01522) 540793.

# Now 30 say: We saw UFO

Calls are still coming in to a Bradford UFO research group after a spate of strange sightings in the region.

More than 30 people have come forward so far after an appeal in the Telegraph & Argus to say that they spotted two bright oval lights in the sky.

Residents in Halifax, Brighouse, Low Moor, West Bowling and Leeds all claim to have witnessed the incident on Monday February 2.

Russ Kellett of the Bradford UFO Research Network said: "It's been absolutely incredible. The phone has literally not stopped ringing since the appeal for witnesses went in the T&A."

"I've been contacted by UFO magazine who want to do an article about it. They said it's one of the biggest sightings in the area since 1983."

"I've sent out about 30 witness report forms out so it will be a couple of weeks before we can collect all the information."

Anyone with information can contact Mr Kellett on (01274) 501463.

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# Was it all a Tangerine dream for UFO Andy?

THE truth is out there -

and it's hovering above the M11.

Or at least it was for one astonished soccer fan on his way home from the Tangerine's 2-1 defeat against Southend last Saturday evening.

Andy Higgins from Southbourne Road, Marton, was driving Northbound along the M11 near Harlow in Essex when he saw something which took his breath away.

He said: "It was a large black dome shaped craft hovering over the motorway.

"I thought it might be a ster-

flying object - unidentified.

Andy said: "It was an unbelievable sight, amazing. I have never seen anything like it."

"I had read about UFOs and seen stuff on TV but I had never had any first-hand experience before."

## Busy

Unfortunately the M11 was busy with rush hour traffic and Andy was unable to pull over and take a longer look at the craft.

But when he got back to Blackpool he called Stanstead Airport air traffic control.

"I asked them if they knew of any craft which should have

By DOMINIC BALL

"It was hovering about 100 feet off the ground. It was about 50ft wide and 20ft deep, it was massive, a lot bigger than the sort of saucer you put your teacup on!" he said.

Andy, who works for a computer software company, was accompanied by a friend who confirmed the whole story but said he wanted to be like the

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ANDY HIGGINS: 'Amazing'

been flying in that airspace at the time but they said no. It's very strange."

Andy also contacted BBC Radio Cambridge and went on air as part of a live phone in.

Mark Williamson, who hosted the show, said: "After Andy spoke on air we got a call from a woman who had been on a coach going from London to Cambridge and she said she had seen it."

"We have had lots of people who say they have sighted UFOs in that area."

"Who knows - it might be a hoax for them!"

# Calderdale residents see the light

By CATY BLACKTOP

PEOPLE across Calderdale have reported seeing mysterious bright lights following a report of UFO sightings.

Footage of the two unexplained lights was shown on BBC North, which had been captured by Mr Ken Field, of Leeds, on February 2.

Callers flooded the "Evening Courier" UFO hotline over the weekend saying they too had seen the lights. Mrs Jane Wolfenden, of

Ainley Top and Elland. But the majority of people said they saw two yellow lights between 5.30 pm and 6 pm on Monday, February 2 - the date when they were filmed in Leeds.

All callers said the lights moved very slowly, making no noise. Mr Graham Wadsworth, 55, of Victoria Crescent, Elland, was visiting his mother at Woodfield Grange Nursing Home, Saddleworth Road, Greeland, on Monday, February 2, when he

saw strange objects in the sky. "It was weird," he said. "At first I thought they were stars and then I saw the police helicopter out and I thought there were three flying in line together. But two were very bright white and there was no sound and they were travelling in line with the M62.

"I cannot say I am a believer but it did cross my mind they were UFOs. I stood there intrigued for a good five minutes,"



Have aliens already established bases here on earth? NIGEL BURTON meets a man who thinks they have and who travels the world in search of evidence



**Musician and composer Timothy Good has become a world authority on UFOs**

# A Good man looking for aliens

**T**HE DUSTY road from Caguas to Humacao on the southern border of the El Yunque National Forest, in Puerto Rico, is usually as quiet as the grave in the early hours. So when Pedro Viera, a former police officer, spotted a strange light in the sky on January 12, 1987, he sat up and took notice. As the object came closer he could make out that it was shaped like an upturned saucer. The strange craft pulled up about 200 yards from Pedro's car. It was about 150 feet in diameter with a dozen or so windows.

Then, without warning, a beam of light came out of the craft and engulfed two cows in a pasture. Before Pedro's astonished eyes one of the animals was lifted into the sky and disappeared into the saucer which began to move away. As if this wasn't spooky enough more was to come when the ex-cop tried to give chase. Before Pedro could put his car into gear and join the pursuit a black 4x4 vehicle pulled up beside him. Two men dressed in military-style clothes got out and ordered him to switch off.

"Why?" asked the frightened driver. "Just stay where you are and allow us to do what we are doing," came the sinister reply. After the men had gone Pedro set off, cautiously following the UFO's general direction. Soon, he came to the dead cow, lying at the side of the road. "It had apparently been dropped from above because two of its legs were badly smashed," he remembered. "There were five incisions in its side and a circular hole in its rump. But there was hardly any blood..."

**T**RUE story or the ramblings of a mad man? Someone who thinks Pedro Viera is telling the truth is British author and world authority on UFOs, Timothy Good.

In fact, he believes Pedro's sighting may be just the tip of an awesome iceberg, and has spent the best part of a year in Puerto Rico trying to prove his theories.

If Pedro's story was a one-off it could be dismissed as just another UFO sighting, one of millions reported world wide every year. But it isn't

an isolated incident.

Scores of people living near the El Yunque National Forest have reported similarly terrifying encounters. Some have even returned with the bodies of strange creatures reportedly living in a cave system somewhere in the mountains. Scientists have been unable to state what the creatures may be.

Superstitious locals have even given the animal mutilators a name, "chupacabras" (meaning goat sucker) because of their predilection for selecting their victims from local flocks.

After sifting through literally hundreds of sightings Tim Good has reached a startling conclusion. His latest book Alien Base suggests Puerto Rico is host to an extraterrestrial outpost - and its inhabitants may not be entirely benign.

"The aliens are here, they are among us and they may have been here a very long time." As long as humanity itself, perhaps, because Tim believes mankind

may be the result of an alien breeding programme started thousands of years ago.

And Puerto Rico may not be the only alien base on earth. In his book, Tim claims to have uncovered similar extraterrestrial establishments in America, Argentina, even, good old England. He says as many as a dozen different extraterrestrial species may have made contact.

Since he started writing about UFOs, Tim Good has become a leading figure giving lectures at universities, schools and commercial organisations around the world. He's acted as an associate producer for a number of TV documentaries and is known to audiences worldwide through his TV appearances.

It's all a far cry from his "day job" as a professional violinist. He played with the London Symphony Orchestra for 14 years ("For which I'm extremely grateful because it gave me the chance to travel the world pursuing my interest in UFOs") and nowadays works on film scores. His most recent work included the James Bond movie Tomorrow Never Dies and the sci-fi film The Fifth Element, in which a beautiful extra-terrestrial helps save earth from Armageddon.

His hobbies include photography

but most of his time is now devoted to researching UFO sightings and interviewing witnesses.

Tim Good is nothing if not thorough, all his books are meticulously researched and cross referenced, but he's forced to admit he's been duped.

"Unfortunately there are some people whose claims get wilder and more outlandish every time they are retold. There's more bullshit and disinformation put about by so-called UFO researchers than the whole of the intelligence community put together."

Area 51 is a good example. It's a top-secret US military base in the middle of the Nevada desert. The perimeter is patrolled by armed guards and lasers are used to detect intruders. Unauthorised personnel are most definitely not welcome.

UFO researchers believe Area 51 has been used as a holding area for the remains of crashed alien craft. These claims are based on the many reports of strange lights seen near the base. But one of the former employees who supplied Tim Good with sensational claims about alien space craft has since been discredited.

"He told me he was a nuclear physicist, that he worked at Area 51 where his responsibility was making sense of alien technology and incorporating it into new weapons for the Americans. Unfortunately, he's since proven dishonest. Perhaps he had some kind of inferiority complex or disillusionments of grandeur."

Tim Good isn't sure if we'll get to the bottom of the UFO mystery in his lifetime. The man who inspired him, US major Donald Keyhoe, who wrote

several books on the subject, died before he could make sense of the millions of sightings all over the world.

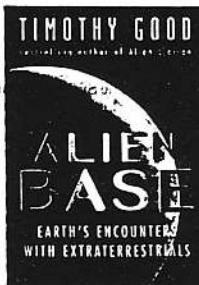
"I'm doing my best but I think there's more chance of the mystery being solved in your lifetime than mine," he says.

When his UK tour finishes, Tim is flying back to Puerto Rico where he hopes to discover more about alien bases.

"Why do they come here? I don't know. Perhaps it's because Earth is unique in the solar system, perhaps it's a paternal instinct to look after us, perhaps it's because we have something they need."

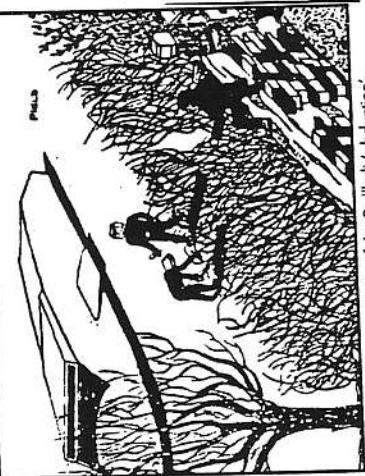
"Whatever the reason I firmly believe they are already here, confounding our concepts of space and time. Contact has been established - we just have to make sense of it all."

**Alien Base by Timothy Good**  
(Century Books, £16.99).



# X-FILES SLAND IN WALES

**Are you sure  
FOs don't exist?  
because an awful  
lot of very sane  
people have seen  
strange sights in  
North Wales . . .**



**Specks?** A reconstruction of the Pwllheli 'abduction'.

On a larger cigar-shaped object with a red centre like the one spotted by two men near Llysweth on January 4, 1986? North Wales members of Contact International, which uses and takes statements from people who have seen unidentified flying objects, have whole filing cabinet crammed with eye-witness accounts of close encounters of the third kind.

The strangest of them all is the Pwllheli Abduction Case. About 15 years ago a teenager living near Pwllheli went to visit friends in the countryside nearby. As he walked home in the early hours of the morning he saw something in field by the side of the road, and as he turned up a side road he felt a

presence behind him. When he turned around he saw two mechanical sort of suit which enveloped in such a way that they were covered them, and they wore visors.

They walked by his side and he felt obliged to accompany them as they 'propelled' him towards an object in the field. This turned out to be a spacecraft which contained other humans, but the teenager was unable to get a clear picture of what happened next; he believed that they toured the universe.

What is startling is that he described the 13 months of Pluto

- same time before an American



**Sky's the limit?** A classic picture of a classic UFO - left, and . . .

good grief, what's that in the sky above Llanfannan? Is it a bird, is it a plane? It's a UFO! - right, and . . .

even more remarkable was that the poachers all noticed that the other cows in the field were completely immobilised.

The craft sped off and the incident might never have been heard of had not one of them mentioned it to a friend sometime later and she in turn contacted a reporter friend. Other sightings seem to have been shared by perfectly rational people going about their daily business. People such as Keith Jones who saw a banana shaped object by a pub near Denbigh.

He rubbed inside and told the locals, who went outside and witnessed the craft taking off.



**'Solidified'** into a grey craft, and among the witnesses were a group of 14 Venture Scouts camping nearby.

"The Army came and I was woken up in the middle of the night by a huge yellow helicopter disgorging soldiers," said an eyewitness. "They said they were looking for old rockets."

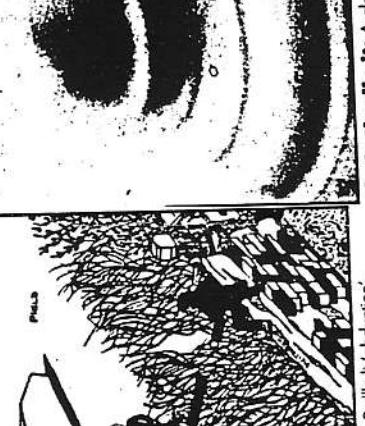
Stranger still is the case of Mrs W Penre of Halkyn who, whilst sewing late at night in her spare bedroom in 1982, suddenly saw a meteor-like object hurtling towards her. She rushed outside and saw a huge object over her bungalow, and as in the Carning-y-Druidon



**It's down laser beams and . . .**

was seen by practically everyone in the pub. Then there was the man living in a caravan on a remote farm near Cerrig-y-Druidon. One night the caravan started. One shaking violently and the man went outside where his normally fierce dog was in a state of abject terror, his fur standing on end. Looking up, the man saw a jet black circle above him: the next thing he remembered was waking up on his doorstep.

When he went back into the caravan he started drawing of amazingly technical sketches of spacecraft. Three independent motorists



**It's down laser beams and . . .**

out of the car when they arrived and it took years to get the whole story from him. Then there's the case of the four young men who went poaching on the Dee one night in January 1978. Whilst they were at their way craft they saw another sort of craft - a bright white one - gliding down the river towards them.

Terrified, they hid behind a bush and watched the 'spacecraft' as it came to a halt and disgorged two beings dressed in what appeared to be spacesuits and helmets. These beings put a crate around a cow in the field and transported it to the 'spacecraft', and what was

incident, her dog behaved quite oddly. The spacecraft gradually receded and she went to bed, but in the middle of the night she woke up and saw a man at her window.

She described him as 'a quite nice looking man with olive skin and short brown hair'. As she put out her hand to test whether he had any substance he made a gesture with his hand and she knew no more - other than to receive sporadic 'messages' from the beyond.

One of these messages told her that the aliens had left three tripod marks on Halkyn Mountain and she started exploring the area.

"This area is very dangerous, with many mine shafts, but she eventually found three perfect squares in the ground. Having seen them I have to believe her," said the Contact International member. "They were right on the edge of a shaft and no earthly thing could have left such perfect indentations so close to a hole without slipping in or corrupting the ground around."

She added: "This woman is in her mid-fifties, is very homely and is completely sane."

One couple from Dwyerth in Gwynedd saw a meteor-like object hurtling towards her. She rushed outside and saw a huge object over her bungalow, and as in the Carning-y-Druidon

sightings of something in the night sky about two weeks ago.

"We had reports of a very bright fireball or meteor." Did you see the lights? If so, ring our UFO hotline on 260207.

## UFO spotters inundate TV station

BY MARK WILKINSON

West Yorkshire that night. Witnesses said the lights arrived from the south-west and were like orange rectangles with rounded edges. Some said there was no sound as the shapes passed overhead - although one man said he heard a dull whine.

Mr John Keegan, an environmental scientist and partner at the Plant Earth Centre, Todmorden, said

Most of the eye-witnesses came from Leeds but we also had several reports from people in the Halifax area. One woman from Halifax said she saw two mysterious bright lights in the sky above Calderdale.

The footage was captured by Mr Ken Field, of Leeds, who filmed two unexplained bright lights in the sky above Calderdale. A spokesman for BBC Radio 2, magazine, said the sightings were the strongest evidence of UFOs in the area for 15 years.

TELEVISION chiefs have been inundated with calls after screening footage of UFOs flying over West Yorkshire.

The footage was captured by Mr Ken Field, of Leeds, who filmed two unexplained bright lights in the sky on Monday, February 2.

A spokesman for BBC

North said: "We've had a lot of interest since we

showed the tape last week."

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# Maureen saw UFO in the sky too...

**AN Ashton pensioner who spotted strange glowing lights in the sky over her home was amazed when she read a similar account in the Reporter and Chronicle.**

Mrs Maureen Killeen, of Nottingham Drive, believes she too saw the UFO that was sighted near Audenshaw - but

by DIANA MacCARTHY

initially thought it was the Dog Star Sirius.

After reading last week's edition of the Reporter and Chronicle she realised just what she and her daughter had seen.

"My daughter had come round for tea and I was stood at the kitchen sink when I saw what I thought was the Dog Star shining.

"The light came closer to Ashton from the direction of Piccadilly and I thought it was a plane.

"But as it came nearer the light split into two and one of the balls jumped over the other."

Mrs Killeen said she saw two balls of lights were too close together to have been planes.

"They would have crashed if they were aircraft," she added.

"I was watching them for about two to three minutes and decided to move to the front garden so I could see them better. When the lights were overhead they just weren't making any noise at all. They moved so slowly, even stupidly."

She said that as she moved from the back of the house to the front the lights just disappeared.

"It was so peculiar, I just couldn't explain it. The lights couldn't have been a plane," she said.

## Backing for UFO sighting

A UFO sighting near Brockweir on New Year's Day by three local people has been backed up by further reports.

Last week *The Press* reported that Nigel Price, Jason Pickering and Emma Watson, who all live in the Chepstow area, had seen the UFO on Brockweir Common on New Year's Day.

Since then *The Press* has had several other reports of a UFO in the area around that time.

One witness was Emma Orchard who saw it with her fiance David Peacey on the Chepstow to Coleford road just past the Hewelsfield crossroads on New Year's Eve at around 7pm. She told *The Press*: "It moved very quickly and was bright orange. At first I thought it might be a shooting star."

If anyone else saw the UFO, contact *The Press* on 01291 621882.

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## UFO editor spots hot story

MOTHER-of-two Sue Lawrence is feeling spaced out — after spotting a UFO over her Cheshunt home! ... But far from being frightened, the 30-year-old housewife is positively over-the-moon with her alien encounter, as she has just taken over the running of Down to Earth — a UFO spotters magazine.

Mrs Lawrence claims to have seen the strange object at 3am on Sunday, above her Barncroft home, after an evening's star-gazing near Harlow with fellow members of the Essex and London UFO Network (ELUFON).

"I didn't see anything all night but when I came home I had just parked the car when I saw a white round object, about six times bigger than Venus,

streaking across the sky with a white tail about three metres long behind it. I just stood there gobsmacked," she said.

Mrs Lawrence reckons she has seen several unidentified flying objects since joining the network last year.

The strangest, she says, was also spotted in the skies over Cheshunt. With a friend she claims to have seen a huge black triangular object flying low over houses in Longfield Lane. It was the size of three football pitches and had white and red pulsing lights!

The network is now investigating Mrs Lawrence's sighting. The group's own investigator checks out the sighting with airports, astronomy and weather experts to see if it can be logically explained.

"We eliminate everything before we say it is a UFO. At the moment I believe that it was," added Mrs Lawrence, who now plans to write about her experience in the bi-monthly magazine she edits.

Before joining the group Mrs Lawrence was sceptical about the existence of beings from outer space, but she is now a firm believer. A spokesperson for Cheshunt Police said no UFO sightings were reported that night.

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## Sighting of UFO 'illusion'

CCTV system managers have dismissed claims made in a national magazine that a UFO was caught on video footage filmed in the city.

The latest edition of *UFO Magazine* features a reader's letter claiming one of Lincoln's security cameras picked up a hovering light above one of the city's car parks.

The incident was supposed to have happened last October.

However, CCTV camera managers said the image had been created by a trick of the light.

CCTV manager Simon Walters said: "There was a light in the sky that we picked up on one of our cameras.

"Initially it did cause some amusement and interest.

"But we worked out it was some light reflected off the lens and back into the camera, so it created an optical illusion."

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## Did you see UFO?

**BRADFORD:** Investigators for Bradford UFO Research Network are appealing for witnesses to claims that two objects were seen in the sky over Odsal Top at about 5.30pm to 6.30pm on February 2. Network founder Russell Kellett said: "Two brightly shining objects were seen joining together in the sky. We want to hear from anyone else who may have seen something or possibly taken a photograph." Anyone who can help should telephone (01274) 412512.

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# Spotting the saucers

**UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects** have been a regular feature of the *S-Files* since the paranormal series was launched last year.

In our search for the truth about extraterrestrials we have spoken to people across West Cumbria claiming to have had first hand experience of UFOs.

We've heard dozens of descriptions of strange bright lights moving erratically across the sky and received sketches and drawings of alien craft reported to have been seen in the area.

We have even received a photograph (printed in the *S-Files* last year) purporting to show a UFO over Loch Garry,



north of Fort William in Scotland. The image generated much debate among *S-Files* followers over the origins of the mystery object.

Now we have received another UFO photo, sent in to us by young sky watcher Alex Henderson.

In the next installment of the *S-Files* we'll attempt to bring you the picture he took from his home in Flimby. He believes it shows the strange phenomenon he claims to have seen on one

of his nightly UFO look-outs last December.

We're currently investigating it to see whether the unusual glowing white sphere is really out of this world - or owes its creation to camera trickery.

## TOP TIPS FOR SAUCER SNAPPERS

If you think you've spotted an alien aircraft hovering in the sky, then follow our top tips for capturing it on camera:

- You don't need a high-powered expensive camera to take a picture of a UFO - according to photography experts, any camera will do
- Use the fastest film you can, such as a 1600 ASA
- Don't use a flash unless the object you're photographing is within a 40ft range. (It's also worth considering the hostile message a flash could give to possible extraterrestrial visitors!)

- Keep the camera steady - use a tripod or rest the camera on a solid surface
- Make sure there is a fixed object in the frame, to confirm the location of your sighting and also to calculate the size and distance of the UFO

- Take lots of pictures for the best chance of capturing the UFO on film.

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### UFO baffles factory worker

FACTORY worker David Hobbs is appealing for help to unravel the mystery of a UFO which he noticed in the night sky over Bristol.

He saw the bright yellow pear-shaped light hovering in the darkness, on Friday at 7.15pm. Mr Hobbs, who was working at the English Corrugated factory in Portland Place watched in amazement as it quickly disappeared in the direction of Eastville.

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### Close encounters

**UFO:** Strange white lights seen in the sky by neighbours on a Bradford street have led to them thinking they have had a close encounter with a UFO.

# An East Kilbride mission for Scully and Mulder

DAVID Duchovny, alias **UFO hunting hunk Mulder**, could be tempted to make a visit to a Scots town - to investigate a new X-File.

East Kilbride is becoming Scotland's UFO hotspot, after a spate of strange sightings. Duchovny has relatives there and has, in the past, visited the town. Now locals are joking that he and Scully should investigate.

The sightings coincide with weird rumblings underground and mysterious booming noises.

### ENGINEER

The strange activities are similar to those experienced in Bonnybridge in recent years.

One UFO spotter, retired engineer Reg Laird from St Leonard's, has seen objects in the sky on numerous occasions.

He said: "I don't sleep that well, and in

the last couple of months I've seen these lights in the sky. It's an intense white light moving at great speed. Triangular.

"I thought it might be a weather balloon, but the wind was blowing the opposite way.

"I'm not sure what the lights are, but I'm open to suggestions.

"It could be something military, but certainly nothing I've heard of - and we're not near any bases, so it couldn't even be a test mission for some new equipment."

### DIAMOND

Within the last few days Reg has seen several of the lights together travelling in a diamond shape.

Reg said: "There were four or five lights and it looked as though they were forming the shape of a diamond."

Saturday Times X-files expert Ron Halliday is "fascinated" by the phenomenon.

He said: "These sightings sound strange and are very interesting, particularly these mini-earthquakes along with the sightings.

"A few years ago there were several sightings in the Bonnybridge area similar to what East Kilbride residents are experiencing."

● The new series of the *X-Files* starts on Sky One at 9pm tomorrow.

# UFOS OVER CHESHIRE

**FLYING saucer spotters are looking to the skies after a spate of UFO sightings in Northwich has sparked fresh interest in the phenomenon.**

The British Unidentified Flying Objects Studies Centre (BUFOSC) has been set up in the town by 44-year-old former psychiatric nurse Eric Morris to thoroughly investigate and research all reported UFO sightings.

It is based at his home in Greenall Road after he moved from Winsford where he has been holding regular meetings for several years.

Eric said: 'There has been a rise in the number of reported sightings of UFOs in this area and local interest is increasing.'

There have been two mysterious sightings reported in the past month.

One was on January 11 at the Sandybrow crossroads of the A54 and A49 at Oakmere. A man from North Wales was travelling to Weaverham to visit his girlfriend when he saw a strange dark grey triangular object in the sky at around 1pm.

The most recent sighting happened on January 31 near Oulton Park and was reported by a couple who were driving to Shrewsbury. They also reported seeing a triangular-shaped object.

'Both of these cases are still being investigated but are typical of recent reports of UFO activity in the area,' says Eric.

The sightings are nothing like as bizarre as reports of 'alien abductions' which BUFOSC members are also investigating. They include a case in North Wales in September 1994 where a young man was missing for two hours.

Due to the fear of ridicule, his mystify-

ing tale has only recently been told. He was aged 17 at the time and was cycling home through the hills when he heard the sound of trees crashing down in the distance and the ground began to vibrate.

He was alarmed by the feeling of something swooping over his head and he dismounted from his bike. He claims he saw a large silver ball hovering over the mountainside which then materialised into a futuristic looking space craft. He then describes an encounter with two aliens with whom he was able to telepathically communicate.

After the incident he drew pictures of the two tall creatures.

'I am fascinated by reports of this kind and try to investigate each case fully and, if possible, find rational explanations,' said Eric. 'In this case I was able to discover factual evidence to back up the account.'

The research includes regular contact with organisations such as the Ministry of Defence and Manchester Airport who can both often offer logical explanations for UFO sightings.

'In the end only about 10 per cent of reported sightings remain unsolved,' explains Eric.

The British Unidentified Flying Objects Studies Centre holds regular monthly meetings at the Wings Club in Station Road, Northwich as well as organising sky watches and investigative trips. At the latest meet more than 40 people attended and many said they had also recently seen triangular -shaped UFOs.

There are also plans for a Channel Four documentary on BUFOSC's work for early next year. Eric Morris would like to hear about any sightings. He can be contacted by ringing 330567.

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## UFO in Spirit

Tyre firm Goodyear has come up with an answer to suspected sightings of a UFO above Cheltenham.

The company revealed its airship Spirit of Europe had visited the area on January 30 and 31 to provide aerial television footage for Channel 4 racing.

It said the airship was illuminated at night and was often confused for a spaceship.

Spokesman Simon Wiser said: 'When it's flying at 2,000ft it's often mistaken for a UFO.'

**The truth is out there ...**

A UFO expert just back from a world gathering in the USA said: 'Have no doubts. There IS something out there.'

Mr Ken Seddington represented the UK at the UFO international congress at Laughlin south of Las Vegas.

'The quality of film data and the bona fide nature of it leaves no doubt. We also have experts who filter out the fakes, so what we have is absolutely genuine,' he said.

Mr Seddington said there was extraordinary footage of 52 silver discs over Mexico City and another with a dozen dark coloured UFOs shot over Tel Aviv.

'There was a large object filmed over Ecuador and film from all over the world, including from the space shuttle.'

Mr Seddington, who lives in Tekels Park, Camberley, has always had a deep interest in UFOs.

He chaired the conference board which viewed the many films submitted and gave awards to the best entry.

**Secret dossier proves that the truth was out there**

The truth is out there - and Whitehall will soon officially announce that Unidentified Flying Objects really exist, says a leading Midland UFO researcher.

Walsall-based Nick Redfern made his claim yesterday at Solihull UFO Conference '98. The event, held in Solihull's conference centre, attracted top speakers from Britain and the United States and an audience of about 500.

Mr Redfern, 33, has been investigating British military involvement with UFOs for the past 20 years and is the author of *A Covert Agenda*, in which he alleges a long-running cover-up.

He told the conference that secret documents released recently under Whitehall's 30-year rule demolished the official claim that UFOs pose no threat to our national security.

He produced a dossier of Ministry of

Defence documents in which RAF pilots and radar crews apparently reported sighting of UFOs, including some as big as oceanliners.

Mr Redfern who lives in Pelsall, said he also believed in the "Men in Black," who are claimed to visit UFO witnesses and warn them to keep quiet.

And he said that Whitehall would hang on to "the really incredible evidence" for up to 100 years.

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# **It's Chorleerie!**

**By IAN McCawley**

CENTURIES of supernatural sightings in Chorley will be the subject of a discussion on the paranormal next week.

The Lancashire UFO Society will be talking about everything from flying triangles to alien contact at Union Street Library on Monday, March 9, starting at 7.30pm.

And eerie events have become so common in Chorley that the society has decided to move home to the town for a series of lectures.

Society chairman Tim Matthews said: "Chorley seems to be a focal point for sightings, and will be an excellent home for the society.

"We're not talking about thousands of happenings, but there have been several reports from the countryside, particularly around Anglezarke and

## **Town is a focal point for UFOs**

Rivington. Chorley is a particular hotbed for sightings of a flying black triangle.

"A lot of people make silly claims, but we're trying to encourage discussion by involving scientists, geologists and so on."

Society member Alan Brotherton, of Coppull, added: "It's good for

people to know they have local contacts in a group like this, and I'd be delighted to talk to them at the meeting.

"It's important to note we're mostly sceptics. We take the scientific approach and don't get dragged off on a fantasy track — it's not all about little green men!"



The truth is out there: Justin Stubbs is ready to investigate the unexplained.

Photo: E4510/10

STAMFORD'S very own Fox Mulder is asking local people to help him discover if the truth is really out there.

Justin Stubbs (23) is scouring the skies to find out if Planet Earth is a tourist attraction for extra terrestrial visitors.

He joined the International UFO Research Network last year, and now wants anyone who has witnessed unexplained phenomenon to get in touch — "Anybody who sees something — anything — they can't understand should get in touch with me.

"There have been a few sightings in the Peterborough area in the last year or so, and I hope that someone will now come forward with sightings

**Justin asks anyone who spots anything which they believe may be a UFO to ring the Mercury newsdesk on 01780 762255. We will take your name and phone number and brief details of the sighting and pass them on to Justin**

here too."

The network to which Justin has belonged for the past six months is dedicated to recording and investigating UFOs. Many prominent experts in the field belong to the organisation, but it takes a neutral standpoint on whether we really have had alien visitors.

Justin, an RSPCA controller, says: "Around 95 per cent of reported UFOs can be explained as weather phenomenon or military and civil aircraft.

"Personally I think there is life on other planets, but as to whether we have been visited by little green men or not I'm not sure."

Although he has never seen anything suspicious in the skies, Justin is confident that his appeal through the Mercury will prove a success.

"There has been a lot of publicity about the Rutland Panther, and plenty of people have reported sightings. Hopefully it will be the same for us."